Course title: Andalusia, the Land of Artistic Geniuses: The History of Arts in Andalusia
Course code: AHIS 3001 CSCS
Programs offering course: Advanced Liberal Arts, Business and Society, Communications, New Media and Journalism Spanish, Liberal Arts
Language of instruction: Spanish
U.S. semester credits: 3.00
Contact hours: 45.00
Term: Spring 2021

Course Description

Andalusia is a land of artistic creators. The main European artistic and cultural movements can be seen reflected in our land through the works of great artists. Picasso, Velázquez, Murillo, Martínez Montañés and Manuel de Falla are a clear example of the universality of Andalusian culture. The course, "Andalusia, the Land of Artistic Geniuses," aims to provide students with basic knowledge about the great figures that have contributed to the history of Andalusia, and how during the twenty-first century, this creativity remains relevant. We will get to know the most interesting biographical aspects of each artist, and we will go deep into the importance of their work. Likewise, we will have different out of classroom activities that will allow us to get to know these historic figures more personally, where they spent their time, and to see their artistic works in person.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Demonstrate content knowledge of art in its historical context.
- Think historically: identifying the unique characteristics of past art periods and how works of art reflect the social and cultural circumstances of the time.
- Value aesthetics in general and the products of art in particular in their historical continuum.
- Conduct original historical-artistic research using primary and secondary sources in Spanish and placing one's own work within historical-artistic debates.
- Communicate historical-artistic knowledge, interpretations, and arguments clearly in writing, oral presentations, or group projects.

Course Prerequisites

Previous knowledge of the subject is not required. It is recommended that students have a good level of Spanish to better understand and make the most of each class. 4 semesters of college-level Spanish (or equivalent). Students need to have a GPA of at least 2.5.

Methods of Instruction

The methodology of the course will involve both theory and practical application in order to allow students to truly grasp the contents of this course.

For this reason, the course sessions will be divided into two different types:

a) In the classroom

On one hand, the classes that are held in the classroom will be based on the use of educational materials, such as photos, documentaries, music, and various multimedia that relate the works of art of each historic figure. In order to encourage their participation, students will learn about the most significant biographical aspects and context of each figure. This type of teaching will promote students' eagerness to research.

b) Visits:

On the other hand, there will be trips outside of the classroom, tours through the city, that allow students to experience first-hand the influences of the different Andalusian figures of the twenty-first century. Both in and out of the classroom, the methodology will be based on participation and will emphasize the practical and empirical
application of the basic theoretical concepts developed through the classes and simple texts.

The professor will give students a set of specific readings. This is a collection of various texts that will serve as a useful guide for the students.

Activities outside of the classroom

- Visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Seville
- Visit Hospital de la Caridad
- Tour of religious imagery: visit to the Salvador church
- Tour of Andalusian architects in Seville
- Route of "Aníbal González, el Gaudí sevillano."
- Route of 21st century architects
- Visit to the Andalusian Center of Contemporary Art

Linguistic Resource Center

It is recommended that students use the writing center.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Midterm Exam 25%
2. Final Exam 25%
3. Final Report 25%
4. Active Participation in class 15%
5. Participation in the Blog 10%

TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements

Midterm Exam

Final Exam

There will be two exams, a midterm and a final. On both, students will be asked about topics discussed in class. These tests will also have images of different works of art by the creators studied in class. Students must be able identify each image and comment using the theoretical concepts.

Final Report

The student will write a report with a minimum of five pages and a maximum of ten pages, in which he or she will analyze all of the theoretical concepts presented in class and apply them to a prominent historical figure from Andalusia in one of the genres of art or a contemporary Andalusian creator. Students will meet with the professor to choose the figure, and will develop their essay following the professor's instructions. During the course, the research process and the writing of the report will be monitored.

Active Participation in class

Grading will be continuous. Active participation during debates and class discussions will be highly valued. The professor will assign various exercises during the course and these will be turned in at the end of the course in a final portfolio.

Attending the activities outside of class will be mandatory and the student must turn in a written report of each visit. In these reports, students will apply the theoretical ideas studied in class to the subject addressed in the visit.

Participation in the Blog

Students can earn an extra point by participating in the class blog: http://www.andaluciatierradegenios.blogspot.com.es/

Attendance

Students are not allowed to miss class for unjustified reasons. For each unexcused absence, the participation portion of the grade will be lowered. Hence, it will be very difficult to receive a 100 in the class. Please keep this in mind. If a student misses class twice without a valid excuse (a note from a physician in the event of an illness), then the professor will automatically lower the final grade by 5 points (on a 100-point scale) for each class missed.
thereafter. Students with 6 or more absences will fail the course.

Students should arrive to class on time. Arriving more than 15 minutes late for a class will count as an unexcused absence. Please note that an excused absence is one that is accompanied by a doctor’s note: signed stamped and dated. Travelling and/or travel delays are not considered valid reasons for missing class.

*Notes from a physician will only be valid and admitted by the Program Manager if the doctor confirms that the visit could not have been arranged at another time, or that the student was too ill to attend class that day.

**Academic Honesty**

Students are expected to act in accordance with their university and CIEE’s standards of conduct concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Use of online translators for work in Spanish will result in an automatic failure.

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N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, and local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1**

Class: 1.1 Andalusia, land of creators

Brief introduction to the history of Andalusia

Class: 1.2 Artistic and cultural movements in Andalusia

**Reading:** Dossier - unit 1

**Week 2**

Class: 2.1 The masters of painting

Diego de Silva and Velázquez

Class: 2.2 Visit to the Museum of Fine Arts

**Reading:** Dossier - unit 2 pages 1 to 6

**Week 3**

Class: 2.3 Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

Class: 2.4 Visit the Hospital de la Santa Caridad

**Reading:**

Dossier - unit 2 pages 6 to 10
Dossier - Hospital Caridad

**Week 4**

Class: 2.6 Pablo Ruiz Picasso, a universal artist from Malaga

Unit 3. - Sculpture in Andalusia

Class: 3.1 Anonymity of the masters: history of sculpture in Andalusia

**Reading:**

Dossier unit 2 pages 10 to 15
Dossier unit 3 pages 1 to 5

**Week 5**

Class: 3.2 Baroque masters: Martínez Montañés and Juan de Mesa
Class:  3.3  Baroque masters: Pedro Roldán, La Roldana y Ruiz Gijón

**Reading:** Dossier unit 3 pages 5 to 15

**Week 6**
Class:  3.4  Tour of religious imagery. Visit to the Salvador Church

Midterm Exam

**Week 7**
Class:  4.1  Review and exam correction

Unit 4. - The great architects of Andalusia

From anonymity to the first masters

**Reading:** Dossier unit 4 pages 1 to 5

**Week 8**
Class:  4.3  “Aníbal González, the Gaudí of Seville.”

Reading: Dossier unit 4 pages 5 to 10

**Week 9**
Class:  4.4  Route of Aníbal Gonzalez

Unit 5 – Contemporary Andalusian artists

Class:  5.1  Contemporary Andalusian architects: Vázquez Consuegra, Cruz y Ortiz

**Reading:** Dossier unit 5 pages 1 to 5

**Week 10**
Class:  5.2  Route of 21st century architects

Class:  5.3  Guillermo Pérez Villalta: architect, sculptor, and painter

**Reading:** Dossier unit 5 pages 5 to 10

**Week 11**
Class:  5.4  From abstraction to poetic realism: Luis Gordillo and Carmen Laffón

Class:  5.5  Visit the Andalusian Center of Contemporary Art.

**Reading:** Dossier unit 5 pages 10 to 15

**Week 12**
Class:  Review

**Final Exam**

**Course Materials**

**Readings**


